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Letter dated 20 September 2013 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit a letter dated 6 September 2013 from Mr. Ramtane Lamamra, Commissioner for Peace and Security of the African Union (see annex), forwarding the conclusions reached at a meeting of the Commissioner and the Secretary-General of the Economic Community of Central African States, which was held in Addis Ababa on 2 and 3 September 2013. The letter also transmits the press statement issued after the meeting (see enclosure 2).

I would be grateful if you would bring the present letter and its annexes to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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Annex to the letter dated 20 September 2013 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

Letter dated 6 September 2013 from the Commissioner for Peace and Security of the African Union addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the Chair of the Commission of the African Union (AU), Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma, I am writing to you as a follow-up to my earlier letter dated 26 July 2013 (S/2013/476, annex) on the situation in the Central African Republic and related AU efforts, notably the envisaged deployment of the African-led International Support Mission in the Central African Republic (AFISM-CAR), as endorsed by the AU Peace and Security Council (PSC) on 19 July 2013. Subsequent to the AU PSC communiqué of 19 July 2013, the Commission has taken a number of steps to expedite the operationalization of AFISM-CAR. We intend to shortly revert to you in this respect, to facilitate the mobilization of the required resources for the Mission.

I am pleased to inform you that intensive and fruitful consultations have taken place between the African Union and the General Secretariat of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) on the transition from the ECCAS Peace Consolidation Mission in the Central African Republic to AFISM-CAR. I am forwarding, herewith, copies of the conclusions reached by the two organizations, as well as of the press release issued on that occasion. I would be most grateful if you could circulate those documents to the members of the Security Council, for their information and action as may be appropriate.

Given the seriousness of the situation in the Central African Republic and the need for sustained international engagement in support of the ongoing transition, it is critical that the African Union and the United Nations continue to work closely together. At the African Union, we have no doubt that the United Nations and you personally will spare no efforts in support of the AU and ECCAS initiatives.

(*Signed*) Ramtane **Lamamra**
Commissioner for Peace and Security

Enclosure 1

Conclusions of the meeting between the Commission of the African Union and the General Secretariat of the Economic Community of Central African States, held in Addis Ababa on 2 and 3 September 2013

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At their consultative meeting held in Addis Ababa on 2 and 3 September 2013, the Commission of the African Union (AU) and the General Secretariat of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) agreed to undertake the following tasks within the framework of the transition from the ECCAS Mission for the Consolidation of Peace in the Central African Republic (MICOPAX) to the African-led International Support Mission in the Central African Republic (AFISM-CAR).

I. Strategic coordination

1. Deployment by ECCAS, at the expense of the African Union, of two experts at the AU Commission, in Addis Ababa, to facilitate the follow-up of all the aspects of the transition from MICOPAX to AFISM-CAR.

2. Deployment by the African Union of one officer in Libreville, to facilitate the follow-up of all aspects of the transition from MICOPAX to AFISM-CAR.

II. Generation of forces

3. Communication by ECCAS to the African Union of all the arrangements made for the generation of 2,000 personnel, as provided for in the Concept of Operation of MICOPAX II.

4. Dispatch of a note verbale by the AU Commission to Burundi, to follow up on the pledge made by that country to ECCAS to contribute troops.

5. Identification by the AU Commission, in consultation with the General Secretariat of ECCAS, and based on the conclusions of the Technical Assessment Mission that is currently in Bangui, of potential troop- and police-contributing countries.

6. Joint AU-ECCAS predeployment visits to potential troop- and police-contributing countries.

III. Establishment of the AFISM-CAR Mission Headquarters (civilian, police and military components)

7. Appointment of the Special Representative and Head of AFISM-CAR by the Chair of the AU Commission, after consultation with the Chair of ECCAS.

8. Appointment by the AU Commission, upon designation by ECCAS, of the Deputy Special Representative, the Force Commander and Chief of the Police

component, as well as their deputies. It is recommended that the current chiefs of the components be maintained in their functions until the end of December 2013.

9. Communication by the African Union to ECCAS of a proposal for the distribution of posts in the Mission Headquarters.

10. Launching by the African Union, in consultation with ECCAS, of the process of recruitment of staff for the Mission Headquarters.

IV. Legal framework of AFISM-CAR

11. Communication by the African Union to ECCAS, for input of the draft agreement on the status of AFISM-CAR and the memorandums of understanding between the African Union and the troop- and police-contributing countries.

12. Finalization of the memorandum of understanding between the AU Commission and the General Secretariat of ECCAS.

V. Schedule for the transition from MICOPAX to AFISM-CAR

13. Organization, at the appropriate time, of the ceremony for the transfer of authority from MICOPAX to AFISM-CAR.

VI. Continuation of the planning process

14. Convening of a meeting of experts in Addis Ababa from 7 to 10 October 2013 to finalize the operational implementation plan of AFISM-CAR in the light of the guidelines contained in the strategic concept approved by the meeting of the Peace and Security Council (PSC) held on 19 July 2013.

VII. Resource mobilization and logistical support

15. Communication by the AU Commission to the AU partners of the AFISM-CAR logistical needs, as reflected in the conclusions of the Technical Assessment Mission to the Central African Republic, on the understanding that additional information could be provided in the light of the above-mentioned operation planning meeting.

VIII. Other aspects

16. Consultations between the AU Commission and the General Secretariat of ECCAS ahead of the meetings of the International Contact Group on the Central African Republic (ICG-CAR) and joint efforts to follow up on the conclusions of those meetings.

17. Joint efforts to establish the Trust Fund to support the Central African Republic and to mobilize resources in accordance with the conclusions of the meetings of the ICG-CAR.

IX. Monitoring and schedule

18. The AU Commission and the General Secretariat of ECCAS will hold continuous consultations and will coordinate closely their efforts to ensure the follow-up of those conclusions. In this regard, the two organizations will draw up a schedule for the implementation of those activities. Particular attention will be given to the speedy finalization of the memorandum of understanding between the AU Commission and the General Secretariat of ECCAS.

(*Signed*) Ramtane **Lamamra**
Commissioner for Peace and Security
of the African Union

(*Signed*) Ahmad **Allam-Mi**
Secretary-General of the Economic
Community of Central African States

Enclosure 2

Joint press release

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Consultations between the Commission of the African Union and the General Secretariat of the Economic Community of Central African States

Addis Ababa, 3 September 2013: The Commission of the African Union (AU) and the General Secretariat of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) held consultations in Addis Ababa on 2 and 3 September 2013 on the transition process from the ECCAS Peace Consolidation Mission in the Central African Republic (MICOPAX) to the African-led International Support Mission in the Central African Republic (AFISM-CAR). The AU delegation was led by Ramtane Lamamra, Commissioner for Peace and Security, and the ECCAS delegation by its Secretary-General, Ahmad Allam-Mi.

Those consultations were part of the follow-up to the decision of the AU Peace and Security Council (PSC) of 19 July 2013 on the deployment of AFISM-CAR and the meeting between experts from both organizations held in Libreville on 21 and 22 August 2013. The two delegations discussed the modalities and timelines of the transition from MICOPAX to AFISM-CAR, whose core elements will be constituted by the MICOPAX contingents, in accordance with the PSC communiqué of 19 July 2013. The AU Commission and the ECCAS General Secretariat will endeavour to complete the following tasks: the establishment of the AFISM-CAR Mission headquarters and its various components; the generation of additional forces, it being understood that the States members of ECCAS shall expedite the build-up of existing capabilities to reach the 2,000 uniformed personnel as agreed to by the extraordinary summit of the ECCAS Heads of State and Government held in N'Djaména on 18 April 2013, to constitute the core elements of AFISM-CAR; the operational planning for the deployment of AFISM-CAR; as well as the legal framework for the deployment of AFISM-CAR, including the memorandum of understanding between the African Union and ECCAS. The discussions also covered issues relating to the follow-up of the conclusions of the meetings of the International Contact Group on the Central African Republic (ICG-CAR), held in Brazzaville and Addis Ababa, on 3 May and 8 July 2013, respectively, particularly with respect to the mobilization of resources commensurate with the needs of the Central African Republic.

The AU Commission and the ECCAS Secretariat reiterate their concern about the situation in the Central African Republic and the need for international support to facilitate the completion of the transition in that country. The two organizations appeal to the United Nations Security Council to authorize financial and logistical support for AFISM-CAR, as well as to the other international partners to fully support their joint efforts.

On 3 September 2013, the Secretary-General of ECCAS was received by the Chair of the AU Commission, Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma. The meeting provided an opportunity for an exchange of views on the situation in the Central African

Republic and on other peace and security challenges in the Central African region. It also provided the opportunity for an exchange on issues relating to economic integration and the economic partnership agreements, as well as to underscore the key role of the regional economic communities, such as ECCAS. The Chair of the Commission took the opportunity to congratulate the new Secretary-General of ECCAS for the confidence bestowed upon him by the leaders of the region, and assured him of her support and that of the Commission as a whole in the pursuit of the common objectives of the two organizations. She reiterated the deep appreciation of the African Union to regional leaders for their continued commitment to peace, security and stability in the Central African Republic, in particular, and in the continent, in general.